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HYDROFINING PROCESS USING BULK GROUP VIII/GROUP VIB CATALYSTS

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is the **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
  2. ☐ This is the **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
  3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
  4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
  5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
    - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
    - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
    - c. ☒ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
  6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
    - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
    - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
  7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application number PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
    - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
    - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
    - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
    - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
  8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
  9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
  10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).
- Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**
11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
  12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
  13. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
  14. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
  15. ☐ A substitute specification.
  16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
  17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.
  18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
  19. ☐ A second copy of the English translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
  20. ☒ Other items or information:
    - **THIS APPLICATION IS A CONTINUATION-IN-PART OF U.S. SERIAL NO. 09/231.156 FILED JANUARY 15, 1999, WHICH IS A CONTINUATION IN PART OF U.S. SERIAL NO. 08/900,389 FILED JULY 15, 1997.**
    - **THE U.S. PATENT OFFICE ACTED AS RO, ISA AND IPEA.**

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